In the Claims:

- 1. (currently amended) A pigment composition comprising
- (a) 60 to [[90%]] 80% by weight based on the weight of the composition of an organic pigment_selected from the group consisting of disazo pigments, metal complex pigments and naphthol pigments,
- (b) 1 to 10% 2 to 6% by weight based on the weight of the composition of a hyperdispersant which is a reaction product of a poly(lower alkylene)-imine with a polyester having a free carboxylic acid group, in which there are at least two polyester chains attached to each poly(lower alkylene)-imine.
- (c) 1 to 10%-2 to 6% by weight based on the weight of the composition of a synergistic additive, wherein the synergistic additive is an asymmetric disazo compound comprising a central divalent group free from ionic substituents, linked through azo groups to two monovalent end groups, the first being free from any ionic groups and the second being a substituted ammonium carboxylate group, substituted ammonium phosphonate group or substituted ammonium sulfonate group.
- (d) 1 to 10%—3 to 8% by weight based on the weight of the composition of a solvent, wherein the solvent is an aliphatic or aromatic hydrocarbon distillate fraction of boiling points in the range of 100 to 350°C or is a triglyceride vegetable oil in which the fatty acid moieties have a chain length of 12 to 24 carbon atoms, and
- (e) 0 to 40% 2 to 30% by weight based on the weight of the composition of rosin or a modified rosin wherein the modified rosin is a rosin (acid) metal resinate, a rosin ester, a pentaerythritol rosin and a rosin-modified phenolic resin, a vegetable oil based rosin ester, a hydrogenated rosin, a disproportionated rosin, or a dimerised, polymerised or part-polymerised rosin, or mixtures thereof.

2-3. (cancelled)

4. **(currently amended)** The pigment composition according to claim **[[3]]** 1, wherein the hyperdispersant (b) is a reaction product of poyethyleneimine of a molecular weight range of 500 to 100'000 with a polyester derived from a hydroxycarboxylic acid of the formula HO-X-COOH, wherein

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X is a divalent saturated or unsaturated aliphatic radical contaning at least 8 carbon atoms, and in which there are at least 4 carbon atoms between the carboxylic and the hydroxy groups.

- 5-8. (cancelled).
- 9. (previously presented) An oil-based printing ink for lithographic printing containing as colourant a pigment composition according to claim 1.
- 10. **(original):** The printing ink according to claim 9 containing as colourant 5 to 50% of the pigment composition, and optionally further customary additives.
- 11. (previously presented) A process for preparing the printing ink according to claim 9 which comprises dispersing the pigment composition into a lithographic printing ink system.
- 12. **(previously presented)** A process for preparing the printing ink according to claim 10 which comprises dispersing the pigment composition into a lithographic printing ink system.
- 13. (currently amended) The pigment composition according to claim [[2]] 1, wherein the disazo pigment is a diarylide pigment.

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